

Serial Number 09/964,342

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested on the grounds that the subject matter of claim 15 has been added to claim 1. Claim 15 was indicated as allowable in item 5 on page 5 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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